

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made**".

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 5 - 9 have been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) The process as claimed in claims 1~~and 4~~, characterized in that the gas is circulated.
6. (Amended) The process as claimed in claims 1~~, 4 and 5~~, characterized in that the circulated gas is freed from particles by filters and re-fed to the spray nozzles or heated and introduced into the fluidized bed.
7. (Amended) The process as claimed in claims 1~~and 4 to 6~~, characterized in that the gas is freed from particles with the aid of dynamic filters.
8. (Amended) The process as claimed in claims 1~~and 2~~, characterized in that the liquid media used have different compositions at different points of the plant.
9. (Amended) The process as claimed in claims 1~~to 8~~, characterized in that that particle sizes of from 50 to 1000 μm can be established specifically by varying the parameters spray pressure, amount of liquid, amount of powder returned, hot-air stream and temperature of the hot air.